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DSDHH MISSION STATEMENT

DSDHH provides education, advocacy and accessible support services which enhance the quality of life for people who are D/deaf or Hard of Hearing

HARD OF HEARING PROGRAM

UTAH STATE OFFICE OF REHABILITATION

DIVISION OF SERVICES TO THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING



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HARD OF HEARING PROGRAM

Are you or a family member frustrated and isolated because of a hearing loss? Help is available to you through the Sanderson Center in Salt Lake City and the Southern Utah Program in St. George.

SUPPORT AND SELF-HELP GROUPS

Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA)

Salt Lake Valley Chapter is for people who have become Deaf later in life and use visual cues rather than amplification alone to understand speech. ALDA meets once a month at various meeting places for social and rap sessions

Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA)

Salt Lake HLAA is an affiliate to a national organization, Hearing Loss Association of America. Recognizing the daily challenges that hearing loss causes, HLAA holds monthly meetings which focus on topics ranging from coping strategies, feelings of isolation, employment issues, assistive technology and networking. Time is allotted at monthly meetings for participants to share concerns, feelings, and ideas to reduce isolation and share successes for coping with hearing loss.

HARD OF HEARING SPECIALISTS CAN:

- Work with individuals and families who are adjusting to hearing loss
- Assist with problems related to employment and school settings
- Provide case management and support services
- Give information and referrals to resources and support groups
- Offer education and assistance with diverse assistive technology
- Advocate for students with hearing loss in school settings
- Develop individualized resources and strategies to cope with daily living problems related to hearing loss
- Teach basic sign language, speech-reading and coping skills classes
- Refer to employment and rehabilitation services, mental health professionals and other appropriate services
- Provide information on hearing loss in general, hearing aids, cochlear implants, ototoxic drugs and related issues
- Identify rights and responsibilities related to communication access under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Assist people who are Hard of Hearing and have low vision

PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- Demonstration Labs are available at both locations. Come try various assistive devices such as:
 - Alarm clocks and other alerting devices
 - Doorbell ringers/flashers
 - Assistive listening devices
 - o TTY and video phones
 - Amplified phones including VCO & CapTel
 - o Fire alarms
 - Other adaptive equipment to meet the needs at home and/or work
- Workshops, in-service training and presentations are given on a variety of topics related to hearing loss
- Exhibit booths are available on hearing loss issues for various community events (i.e. senior citizen centers, workshops and conventions)